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1. REF B REVISED TO INCORPORATE PARA. 8 OF REF A, EXCEPT
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2. COUNCIL HAS DEFERRED DISCUSSION OF PAPER UNTIL
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3. COUNTRIES MENTIONED IN DAC CHAIRMAN'S ORIGINAL NOTE

AS NEEDING EMERGENCY HELP IN 1974 WERE: BANGLADESH, CHAD, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, GUINEA, INDIA, MALI, MALAGASY, MAURITANIA, NIGER, AND SRI LANKA. ALTHOUGH HE NOTED OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD NEED HELP IN EARLY 1975, COUNTRIES WERE NOT LISTED. DAC, IBRD, AND OTHER STUDIES USED AS BASIS ARRIVING SELECTION COUNTRIES. SOME DAC MEMBERS QUESTIONED SELECTION, BUT NO ATTEMPT MADE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT. REF B CONTAINS FOLLOWING QUOTES IN DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT:

A. "SPECIAL FINANCIAL AID FOR ESSENTIAL IMPORTS:
AS PART OF THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE EFFORTS, DAC MEMBERS COULD PROVIDE SPECIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN A CRITICAL SITUATION. IN ADDITION TO INDIA, SRI LANKA AND SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES SUGGESTED ALSO FOR DEBT RELIEF. THESE COUNTRIES MIGHT INCLUDE BANGLADESH, PAKISTAN, KENYA, TANZANIA, SOME OTHER LEAST-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, CAMEROON, HONDURAS, AND POSSIBLY THE IVORY COAST."

B. "FOOD AID: FOOD AID WOULD BE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE EFFORT OF DAC MEMBERS... THE REGIONS MOST IN NEED ARE LIKELY TO BE INDIA, BANGLADESH, THE SAHEL, AND ETHIOPIA."

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